

Crime Destroys. Justice Restores.

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OUR VISION "Our vision is for a grassroots, bottom-up human rights movement that is committed to ending mass incarceration entirely. This means more than a reduction in the rates of incarceration. It means a fundamental shift from a punitive model to a healing and transformative model of justice—a model that does not criminalize people for public health problems like drug addiction, and does not criminalize poverty. Our movement is rooted in the awareness that every human being has value and dignity and is entitled to basic civil and human rights, including the right to vote, the right to work, the right to shelter, the right to education, the right to health care and the right to food. In our vision, we as a nation finally come to embrace civil and human rights for all people, no matter who they are or what they have done.

Our movement carries with it a vision of a society in which we value education over incarceration, jobs over jail, and a society that finds better uses for 1 trillion dollars than waging a drug war on its poorest and most vulnerable members. Our movement is one in which the voices of those who have been locked up, locked out and left behind can be heard loud and clear. We are committed to boldly employing nonviolent strategies for large-scale change, inspiring others through deeds, not words."

Michelle Alexander

REPORTS The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision issues an excellent series of annual reports. The most recent were issued in December. Reports are available from the Department at Program Planning and Research, Harriman State Campus Bldg. 2 , 1220 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12226-2050 or from their web site www.docs.state.ny.us/Research/html.

Among the reports is *2006 Releases: Three year Post-Release Follow-up*. "The subject of this report is a population of 24,503 inmates released from facilities of DOCCS...for a period of three years to determine the number returned to Department custody" In its' summary, the report notes:

- **Return Rates.** Among the 24,503 inmates released in 2006, 10,143 (41%) returned to custody within three years, including 11% recommitted with new felony convictions and 31% returned for parole violations. Since the 1996 cohort, the total return rate has been fairly stable at approximately 40 percent, with increasing violation rates and decreasing new conviction rates The return rate for new offenses (11%) was the lowest and the return rate for technical violators (31%) was the highest since tracking began in 1985 .
- **Release Crime.** Youthful Offenders had the highest rate of return (49%). Individual crimes with the highest return rates included Possession of Stolen Property (56%) and Burglary 3rd (55%). Violent Felony Offenders were the least likely to return (38%) followed by Other Coercive Offenders (40%). Individual crimes with the lowest return rates included Murder (13%), Criminally Negligent Homicide (14%), and Attempted Murder (20%).

Charts of Three Year Follow-up for the years 2002-2006, the data show that of the 358 individuals released from 2002 through 2006 convicted of murder, 6 have been returned for new crimes and 76 for parole violations.

	total released	total returned	new crime	% new crime	parole violatns	% parole violatns
2002	83	19	1	1%	18	22%
2003	85	18	2	2%	16	19%
2004	69	14	0	0%	14	20%

2005	79	12	2	3%	10	13%
2006	42	19	1	2%	18	43%
Total	358	82	6	2%	76	21%